

Director of Training

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Deputy Director of Training (General)

TRO Weekly Summary Report

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1. The [REDACTED] has invited representatives of CIA to attend a special seminar series entitled "Problems of Contemporary Africa." The Agency has been allowed eight slots. More than twenty-five qualified people in CIA wished to attend this series but lack of space in the [REDACTED] prevented it. The seminars, which will be conducted in the evenings, will be led by diplomatic personnel headed by Ralph Bunche and other qualified speakers. The Offices sending representatives are ONE, OGI, OGD, and the Near East/Africa Division of DD/P.

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2. The first of eight meetings in the Records Management Training Program, sponsored jointly by the Office of Training and the General Service Office, was held on 14 April. Approximately one hundred people attended. Speakers at this first meeting were Emmett J. Leahy, President, National Records Management Council, and Herbert E. Angel, Director, Records Management Division, National Archives and Records Service, GSA.

3. A letter to the DCI from [REDACTED], Director of the National Security Agency, expressed a desire that CIA and NSA might work out together the production of language training materials, particularly in the rarer languages. This letter was referred to the Office of Training and thence to the Office of Intelligence Coordination for reply, informing [REDACTED] of the work already accomplished in the IAC Committee on Foreign Language Publications. In future meetings of this IAC Committee representatives from the Language Divisions of NSA and the Office of Training will be present.

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4. During the week a report was made on the present status of electro-mechanical translation. At a meeting held on 15 April in the Office of Intelligence Coordination a proposal was made to support a fifteen month linguistic engineering research program. Provision was made for practical tests on existing equipment. It is anticipated that the project as now formulated is likely to be approved and that CIA may become co-sponsor with the Department of Defense.

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5. The Chief of the Junior Officer Training Division returned during the week from a ten-day trip to the West Coast. Purpose of the trip was to select qualified young officers for the Junior Officer Trainee Program. Out of forty-five candidates recruited by Personnel, thirty-six were deemed to have the qualifications desired.

6. At the indoctrination Program of 14 April the Air Force sent six representatives, including the Deputy Director for Estimates and several intelligence analysts from the same division.

7. At the invitation of the Potomac River Naval Command Reserve Corps, the Chief, Orientation and Briefing Division of the Office of Training addressed this group on the Mission and Functions of the Central Intelligence Agency.

8. As of 17 April 1953, 403 CIA personnel are enrolled in courses sponsored by TRG, and 269 in external training programs, making a total of 672 in training courses sponsored by the Office of Training (General).

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